GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Traditional Gurukuls
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any steps to open traditional grurkulams in the country to cater especially to the children belonging to the lower Strata of the society;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) to (c) : Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP) was established in 1987 by the Ministry to preserve, conserve and develop the oral tradition of Vedic Education for which MSRVVP undertakes various activities to support traditional Vedic Institutions/ Pathashalas. MSRVVP provides financial assistance to Vedic Pathshalas and Guru Shishya Parampara Units towards honorarium to Veda teachers and stipend to students under schemes of Financial Assistance to Vedic Institution and Financial Assistance for Preservation of Oral Tradition of Vedic Recitation. MSRVVP was allocated Grants-in-Aid of Rs. 3500 lakhs during the year 2015-16 by the Ministry. MSRVVP provided financial assistance to 78 Vedic Pathshalas towards honorarium for 411 Ved teachers and stipend to 2733 students. Under the scheme of Preservation of Oral Tradition of Vedic Recitation MSRVVP provided honorarium to 310 Swadhyayi-teachers who teach about 2681 students at their home or any suitable place in their locality. MSRVVP is fully committed to various communities including children belonging to the lower strata of the society irrespective of caste, creeds and religions to impart vedic studies including recitation of vedic mantras in traditional mode.
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